



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/681,497  
Applicant : Stephen G. Bales  
Filing Date : October 8, 2003  
Title : Lignocellulosic, Borate Filled, Thermoplastic Composites  
Examiner: Matthew J. Daniels  
Art Unit : 1732  
Docket No. : LA 001  
Customer No. 000048373

June 19, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (OA) of April 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows"

**AMENDMENT**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper. These amendments cancel any new matter as requested by the Office Action of April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 4.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing on page 5 of this paper. Claims 2, 6, and 14 were rewritten in independent form under 37 CFR 1.116 (2) as Applicant is preparing to appeal the Final Rejection. Claims 1 and 16 have the word "lignocellulosic"

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